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FORD-RABIN TALKS: MEDIA GAVE STRAIGHT AND EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO RABIN'S TALKS WITH US LEADERS. FOLLOW UP TO THAT, TODAY'S JUNE 18 MEDIA CARRIED KISSINGER SPEECH AT PUBLIC BROADCASTERS MEETING WITH EMPHASIS ON SECRETARY'S REMARK HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT PEACE SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN MIDEAST, AND THAT WAR WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC. NPT PAKISTAN TIMES EDIT COMMENTING ON RABIN'S US VISIT EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE OVER ISRAELI PREMIER'S JERUSALEM ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND HOPED EXPECTED FORD MIDEAST PLAN WOULD BE REALISTIC AND LEAD TO SOLUTION OF PROBLEM. PAKISTAN TIMES SAID: QUOTE

IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REASONABLY HOPED THAT MR. RABIN'S VISIT TO US LAST WEEK WOULD SUDDENLY TRANSFORM ISRAELI ATTITUDE ON A SETTLEMENT WITH ARABS. BUT IT WAS ALSO NOT EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD COME OUT OF IT SOUNDING AS STRIDENT AND UNCOMPROMISING AS WHEN HE WENT IN. IF ANYTHING, THERE SEEMS TO BE A NEW RASPISHNESS IN HIS TONE NOW. ON HIS RETURN HOME HE HAS EVEN RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT. HE HAS SAID THAT SUCH AGREEMENT DEPENDED ON A "COMPREHENSIVE ACCORD BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ON DISPUTED MATTERS." MR. KISSINGER TOO IS SAID TO SHARE VIEW

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UNLESS THERE WAS A SOUND AND SOLID BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

TWO COUNTRIES, HE BELIEVES, ANY EFFORT TO BRING THEM CLOSER WOULD BE FUTILE. TWO QUESTIONS MUST BE ASKED. FIRST, WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO "BASIS" OF AGREEMENT THAT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN EVOLVED IN FORD-RABIN MEETINGS--WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO MAKE IT DISAPPEAR SO SUDDENLY? SECONDLY, IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY ARGUMENT THAT A SOUND AND SOLID BASIS FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING SHOULD PRE-EXIST ANY EFFORT TO BRING ISRAEL AND EGYPT CLOSER. WHAT WOULD THAT EFFORT BE IN AID OF IF A SOUND AND SOLID UNDERSTANDING ALREADY EXISTED...THERE IS THUS NO INDICATION OF A CHANGE IN ISRAEL; NOR--WHICH IS WORSE--IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF A CHANGE IN WASHINGTON. PRESIDENT FORD WOULDN'T ALLOW MOMENTUM OF PEACE TO BE LOST; MR. KISSINGER DOES NOT FAVOR "CURRENT UNDECISIVE SITUATION." THESE ARE FINE WORDS BUT THEY ADD UP TO VERY LITTLE IN ABSENCE OF ANYTHING SPECIFIC...MR. FORD'S PEACE PLAN IS PROMISED WITHIN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. IT WILL BE VIABLE TO THE EXTENT IT TAKES COGNIZANCE OF THESE REALITIES--SPECIFICALLY, IF IT PROVIDES FOR ISRAEL'S TOTAL WITHDRAWAL TO ITS 1967 BOUNDARIES. BUT WILL IT? MR. RABIN'S PRONOUNCEMENT AND DR. KISSINGER'S HINTS DO NOT MAKE PORTENTS SOUND VERY GOOD. UNQUOTE

IN WAKE OF FORD, RABIN MEETING INDEPENDENT DAWN UNDERLINED "ISRAEL'S MORAL CRISIS" AS HIGHLIGHTED BY ROSSENBAUM - TOUR SCANDAL, MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS BY ISRAELI OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AROUND GOLAN HEIGHTS AND "VIOLENCE, MORAL LAXITY AND TENSION IN INTER COMMUNAL RELATIONS IN ISRAEL" AND WENT ON TO CONCLUDE:

QUOTE TROUBLES NOW COMING TO SURFACE ARE TRACEABLE TO MANNER IN WHICH ISRAEL WAS BORN AND TECHNIQUES IT EMPLOYS TO ENSURE ITS SURVIVAL. WHAT IS GOOD AS STATE POLICY, CANNOT BE BAD FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THEIR PRIVATE LIVES. WHEN MORAL VALUES AND PROPRIETIES OF CIVILIZED EXISTENCE BECOME EXPENDABLE ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE, AS THEY HAVE BEEN DURING 27 YEARS OF ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE, PHENOMENON CANNOT BUT EXERCISE A CORRUPTIVE INFLUENCE ON CHARACTER OF PEOPLE ITSELF. RESULTS ARE NOW BECOMING VISIBLE IN PSYCHOLOGY OF VIOLENCE, MORAL LAXITY AND TENSIONS IN INTER-COMMUNAL RELATIONS WITHIN ISRAEL. THIS HAS BEEN INESCAPABLE CONSEQUENCE OF DELIBERATE PURSUIT OF FRAUD AND FORCE. WHILE CANCEROUS PROCESS HAS EATEN INTO VITALS OF NATIONAL LIFE, IT HAS NOT BENEFITED THEM EXTERNALLY...THIS SHOULD BRING ISRAELIS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEARER TO MOMENT OF TRUTH. THEY WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY SHOULD OPT FOR SECURITY AND SURVIVAL OFFERED TO THEM BY THEIR ARAB NEIGHBORS WITHIN PRE-1967 BORDERS OR STICK TO COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE DESTRUCTIVE POLICY OF HOLDING ON TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES--WHICH THEY WILL ANYHOW HAVE TO VACATE SOONER OR LATER. THERE IS THUS AN URGENT NECESSITY OF A CHOICE FOR ISRAELIS--BETWEEN REWARDS OF PEACE AND UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES OF A WAR. UNQUOTE

CIA STORY: INDEPENDENT SUN EDIT DISCUSSING ROCKEFELLER REPORT

SAID:

QUOTE REPORT LEAVES A DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT CIA WAS RELUCTANT TO GET INVOLVED IN DOMESTIC SCENE BUT WAS MADE TO DO SO UNDER ORDERS FROM TWO PRESIDENTS. THIS INFERENCE IS AT VARIANCE WITH EARLIER PRESS REPORTS THAT HAD LED TO CONSTITUTION OF ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION. IN ANY CASE, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE LURKING SUSPICION THAT CIA WAS ONLY TOO EAGER TO SPREAD ITS TENTACLES AT HOME USING INSTRUCTIONS FROM TWO PRESIDENTS AS EXCUSE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME TWO PRESIDENTS MAY HAVE TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY OF PLAYING--AND THIS A CHARITABLE VIEW-- INTO CIA HANDS. UNQUOTE REFERRING TO COMMISSION'S SUGGESTION FOR MAINTAINING EXISTENCE OF CIA AND AT SAME TIME CREATING A "DOUBLE TEAM OF CIA WATCHDOGS," THE EDIT CONCLUDES: QUOTE THIS DOUBLE ACCOUNTABILITY MAY MAKE THE "INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT" LESS INVISIBLE TO SOME BUT IT STILL WILL REMAIN INVISIBLE. AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW HOW CIA CAN VIOLATE THEIR PRIVACY WITH IMPUNITY. IS THE RIGHT OF PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO PRIVACY MORE SACRED THAN THAT OF PEOPLES LIVING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD? UNQUOTE.
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